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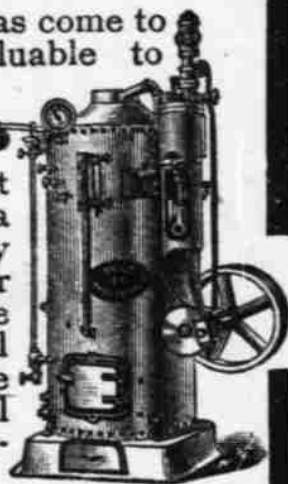
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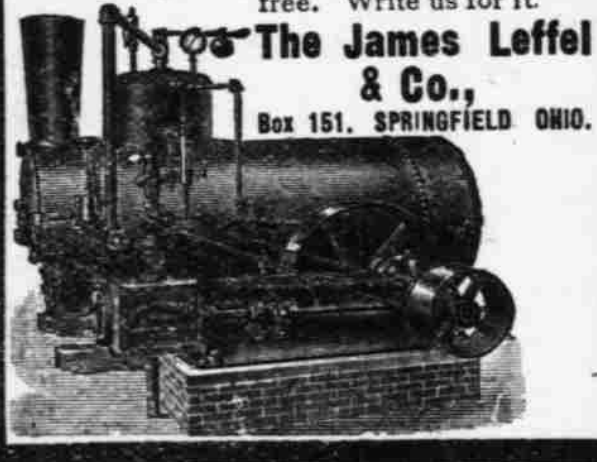
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Messrs. Editors: Farmers of Lenoir
and adjoining counties are fortunate
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ble purpose. The Kinston Free Press
is our friend, and has shown itself
to be ever ready to serve us. This
fact will be admitted by all who have
read an editorial which appeared in
that paper some time since. Let us
extract from it as follows:

"It should be apparent to all rea-
soning farmers by this time that the
future prosperity of the craft is
bound up in the efficiency of agricul-
ture."

Again let us extract from the same
article referring to the work of the
Southern Cotton Association:

"Now, are the farmers going to
profit by this lesson and join a more
perfect union for a control of their
destinies in the future? Are they
going to act as a unit in the manage-
ment of their affairs in the future or
are they going to act each man for
himself and the Wall Street or some
other devil for the whole crowd? These
are the questions which now
confront thinking farmers."

It has been said, and with some
truth, that farmers were hard to or-
ganize; that they would not stand to-
gether. Men, great and small, have
given their time and means for that
purpose only to reap a lamentable
failure.

However, "If at first we won't suc-
ceed, let us sue right on 'till we do
succeed."

The merchant, the lawyer, the doc-
tor, the preacher and all honorable
men of all vocations are our fellow-
men and bear us no feeling other
than the very kindest. We should
love them, we should not look on
them with distrust. There are in all
classes men who would bring calam-
ity on all save themselves; let us be-
ware of them.

We have had ample proof of the
necessity for, and wisdom in, organi-
zation in the past few months. Nine
months ago a cloud began to hover
over the homes of cotton planters; it
thickened, it grew denser, an impene-
trable pall of woe hung all over this
land of ours; it was as dark as mid-
night in Egypt. Hower, that cloud
did not come with thunder bolts or
lightning flashes, for it was not God's
handiwork, but, was conceived planned
and sent on its hellish mission by the
well-chosen angels of his Satanic
Majesty.

But, Mr. Editor, away back under
that cloud we heard voices—the
coarse, grating voice of that arch
gambler and great destroyer, Theo.
Price, and his horde of hungry, heart-
less henchmen; and they said you
shall have no more than six cents
per pound for your cotton. Yet
other voices were heard: the low,
timid, chirping voice of a "Doubting
Thomas," and he said: "We can do
nothing; we cannot prevail against
the great power which is arrayed
against us; we can only act the part
of a water spaniel as he cringes
neath the cruel whip of his irate
master."

But thank God! other voices were
heard—the voice of Judge Williams,
of Texas, of Harvie Jordan, the
Napoleon of cotton planters, and of
our own faithful, honest, wise and
true Thos. B. Parker; and they said,
"Let us get together, let us organi-
ze, let us do something"—and some-
thing was done.

A great meeting was held in the
city of New Orleans. Since then

cotton has gone slowly but steadily
up, till it has regained its throne and
is again king, with a ten-cent crown
on its hoary head.

Whoever heard of cotton going up
in the spring-time when nearly half
the crop, or about six million bales,
were in the hands of those who pro-
duced it?

Again, see what has already been
done by Mr. Secretary Cheatham,
the Marshal Ney of Hon. Harvie
Jordan. He has uncovered the most
damnable fraud that has ever been
practiced on any people, the bullying
or bearing of the Government cotton
reports to suit the purposes of men
who have sought and have found un-
holy means to rob you and me of that
which should go to our wives and lit-
tle ones. Already he has the scalps
of Irvin Holmes and John Hyde in
his belt, and ere this work is complete
the scalp of him who has been to the
American farmer what Judas was
to his Master and Saviour, will also
find its mates.

This and a great deal more has
been done, and by an incomplete or-
ganization. Now in the name of all
that is just and holy, what could be
done if farmers were as thoroughly
organized as their interest demands?

All will admit that the Farmers'
Alliance could have done a great
work years ago had it remained clear
of politics; now the blunder will not
again occur. Men have seen their
error and will ever hereafter steer
clear of politics.

Therefore, if you have prejudice,
rid yourself of it and come out and
help to earn the fruits of which you
will partake when the harvest is
ready. G. F. P.

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RENTER AND TENANT.**Extreme Statements Are Not Justified
and Should Not be Published.**

Messrs. Editors: I have read with
disgust the very radical description
of tenant life written by Ellis, of
Halifax, and the equally radical an-
swer of some one styling himself
"Rustic," of Iredell.

I am unable to see any good that
can come to any one from such ex-
treme utterances and exaggeration.
The writer of this has some knowl-
edge of existing conditions in this
State from the mountains to the sea,
and knows that neither of the condi-
tions spoken of in the articles men-
tioned exist, to any extent, if at all.
They are rare.

In the east tenants either work
land on halves, using the landlord's
team and implements, or on one-
fourth, using their own team and im-
plements; and while they might in
many instances do better, they are
generally doing very well, and those
working on halves are soon able to
buy team and land for themselves.
Our tenants have all the poultry,
hogs and cattle they want. Those
working the landlord's team use
them to get their fire wood, go to
mill, to church, and on other er-
rands. They have them to cultivate
their gardens, melons, etc., which are
given them free of rent. When a
tenant goes to town or to church he
is well dressed and very respectable
in appearance. They are treated well
by their landlords and, in turn, are
usually obliging to them.

I should be afraid to live in a com-
munity where such a state of things
as is reported by these men exist. I
would expect to be shot from ambush
or burnt out every night.

These men could certainly do bet-
ter than to use their talents to ar-
ray class against class; if not, they
had better be silent.

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